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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ELECTRIFICATION EXPERTS FOR JIDDA

1. WRITTEN REQUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY ECONOMIC CORPORATION OFFICE IN RIYADH FOR JOINT COMMISSION TO PROVIDE THREE AMERICAN SPECIALISTS IN STEAM TURBINE GENERATING SYSTEMS. REQUEST WAS MADE JULY 12 BY DEPUTY MINISTER MAHMOUD TAYBIEH, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. BASIS OF REQUEST WAS HIGH LEVEL SAUDI GOVERNMENT CONCERN ON MEANS OF TYING TOGETHER ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANS FOR THE DESALINATION PLANT IN JIDDA AND THE TRADITIONAL ELECTRIC POWER GENERATING FACILITY WHICH IS A PRIVATE COMPANY.

2. NEITHER THE JIDDA POWER COMPANY NOR PRINCE MOHAMMED OF THE DESALINATION AGENCY HAVE SO FAR BEEN MADE AWARE OF THIS REQUEST. TAYBIEH SAYS THAT A MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE MADE UP OF MINISTER OF COMMERCE AWADI AND CENTRAL PLANNING PRESIDENT NAZER WILL CONSIDER THE REPORT BY EXPERTS WHICH CAN HOPEFULLY BE PROVIDED BY THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION. THE NEED IS FOR THREE EXPERTS TO REMAIN AS LONG AS ONE MONTH TO STUDY THE CAPACITY PROBLEM FOR JIDDA IN THE FUTURE. DETERMINE WHAT IS THE OPTIMUM VOLTAGE FOR OFFTAKE FROM THE DESALINATION PLANT AND DISTRIBUTION THROUGH THE SYSTEM, DETERMINE WHAT POINT COULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR DELIVERY OF DESALINATION POWER TO THE SYSTEM, EVALUATE THE AMOUNT OF POWER FOR JIDDA THAT COULD BE

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PRODUCED IN CONNECTION WITH DESALINATION AND THE AMOUNT

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3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ECONOMIC COMMISSION COULD PLAY A ROLE IN SETTTLING THIS LONG STANDING AND TROUBLE-SOME PROBLEM BETWEEN THE DESALINATION AGENCY AND THE JIDDA POWER COMPANY. HOWEVER, WE HAVE MADE PLAIN TO TAYBIEH THAT THE EXPERTS, IF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION DETERMINES THEY CAN AND SHOULD BE SENT, WILL NOT REPEAT NOT COME UNTIL BOTH THE PRIVATE POWER COMPANY AND THE DESLINATION AUTHORITY ARE NOTIFIED AND AGREE TO COOPERATE WITH THE EXPERTS.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS EARLY REPLY AND OFFER BY ECONOMIC COMMISSION TO LOCATE AND SEND OUT THE SUBJECT EXPERTS.
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